SR 15 SECTION 088 CSVT SOUTHERN SECTION



PUBLIC MEETING MAY 25, 2017







AGENDA

- MEETING PURPOSE
- CSVT NORTHERN SECTION UPDATE
- CSVT SOUTHERN SECTION
 - FEBRUARY PUBLIC MEETING RECAP
 - DESIGN CHANGES
 - ACID ROCK ALIGNMENT SHIFT
 - ASH BASIN AVOIDANCE ALTERNATIVES
 - NEXT STEPS
- > OPEN HOUSE

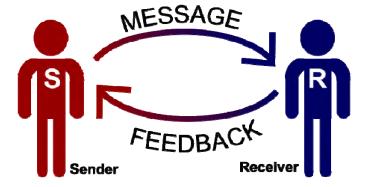






MEETING PURPOSE

- Provide updates and continue to work through challenges to advance CSVT and ultimately achieve its long-term benefits
 - Present preliminary alternatives to avoid ash basins
 - Solicit input to consider during detailed studies of alternatives









NORTHERN SECTION UPDATE



CSVT Northern Section (looking north across river and PA 147)



STATION #2



FEBRUARY PUBLIC MEETING RECAP

- Held February 15, 2017
- 389 attendees signed in
- 96 questionnaires returned

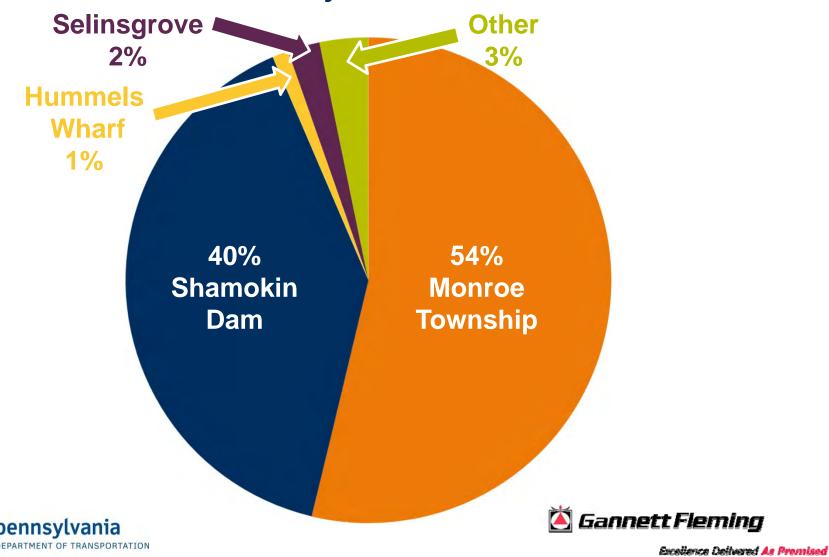






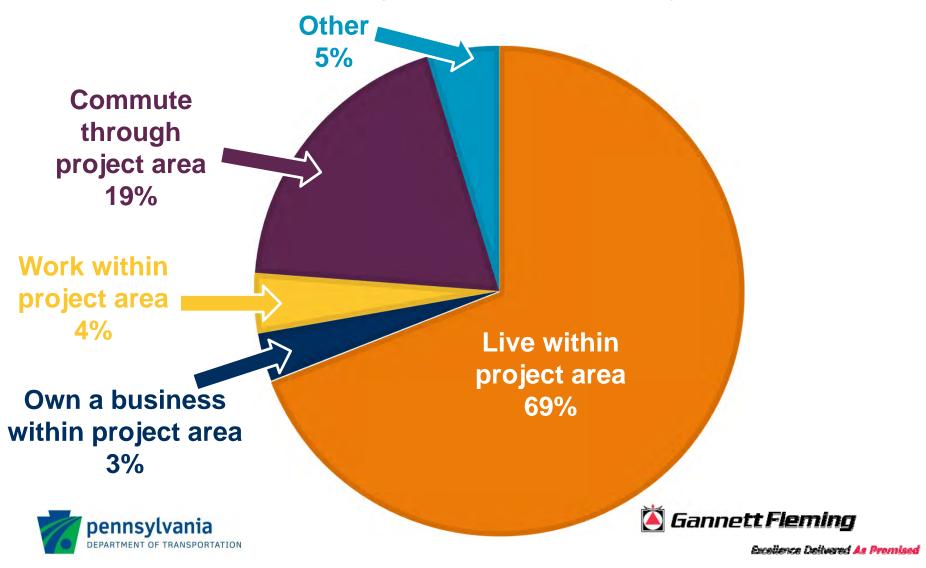


SURVEY RESULTS – Where do you live?



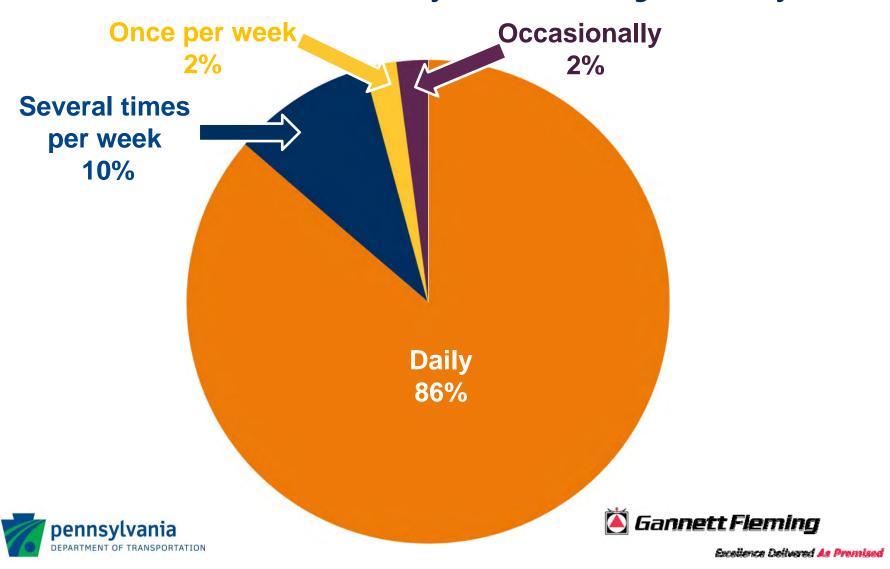


SURVEY RESULTS – What's your interest in the project?



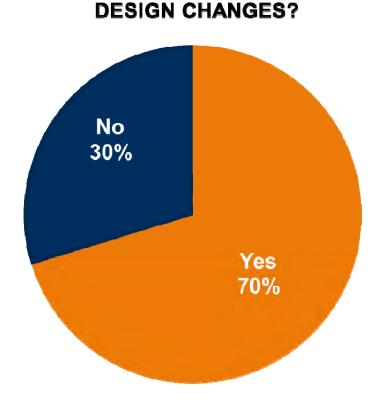


SURVEY RESULTS – How often do you travel through the study area?



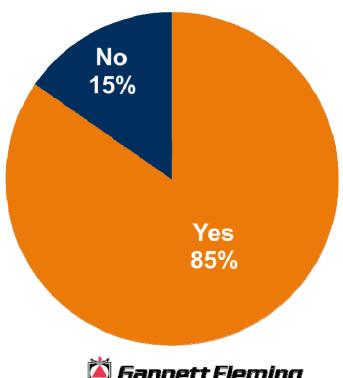


SURVEY RESULTS – Are you satisfied with the information provided on...





ACID ROCK AND THE ASH BASINS?







FEBRUARY PUBLIC MEETING RECAP

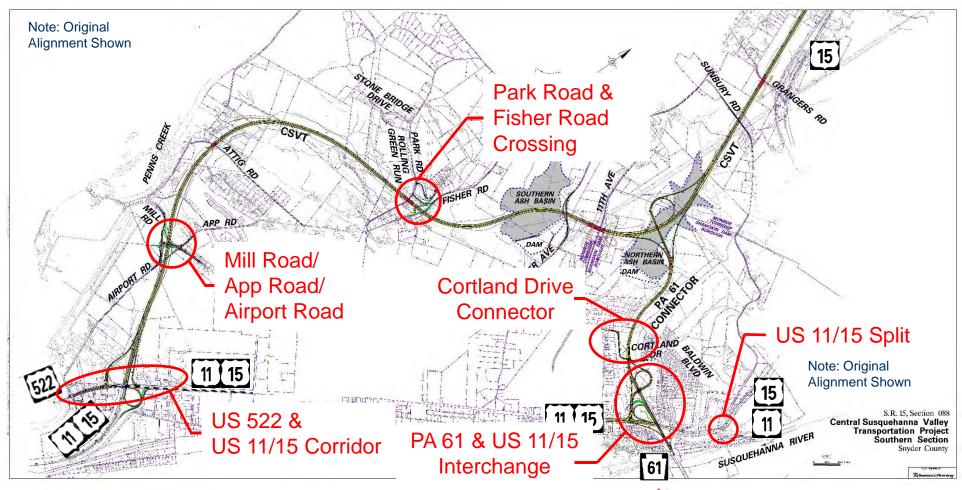
- The Design Team appreciates the input received from the public.
 - Q/A session
 - Open house
 - Questionnaires
 - Follow-up emails and phone calls
- Thank you for taking time to communicate!

















LEGEND



EXISTING ROADWAY REMOVAL



PROPOSED ROADWAY



BRIDGE WORK



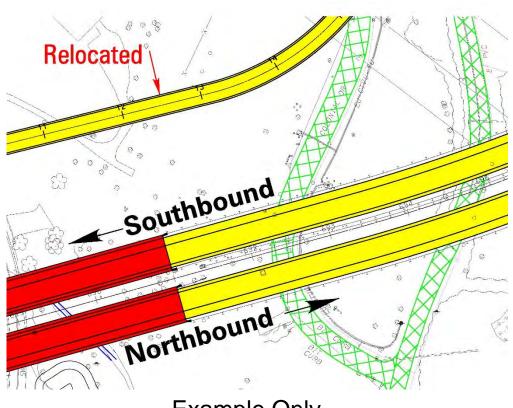
PROPOSED STRUCTURE



PROPOSED SIGNAL



EXISTING SIGNAL

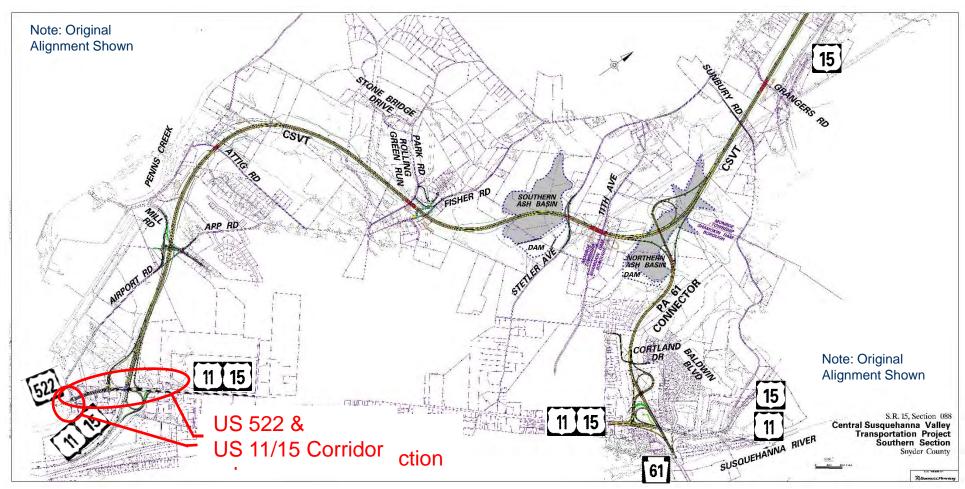


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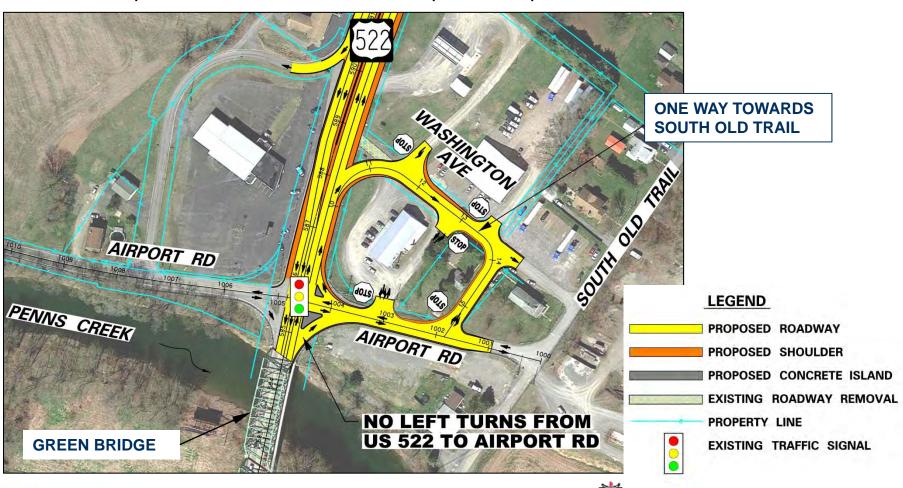








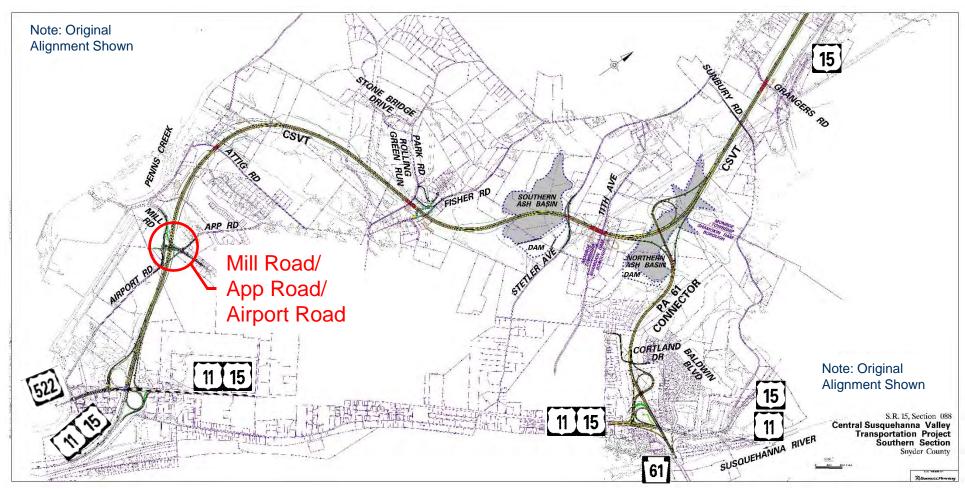
US 522 / Airport Road Intersection – Proposed Improvements







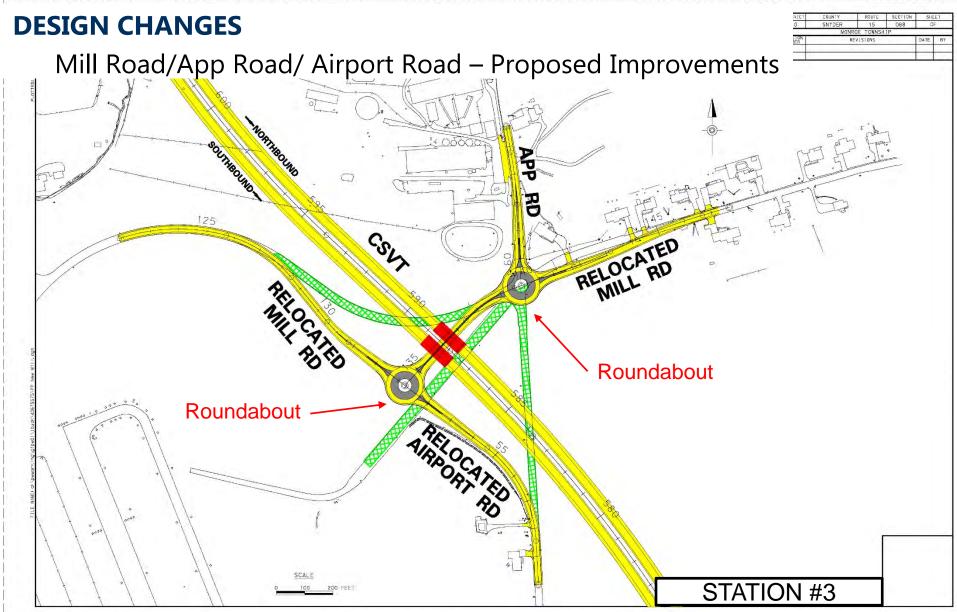




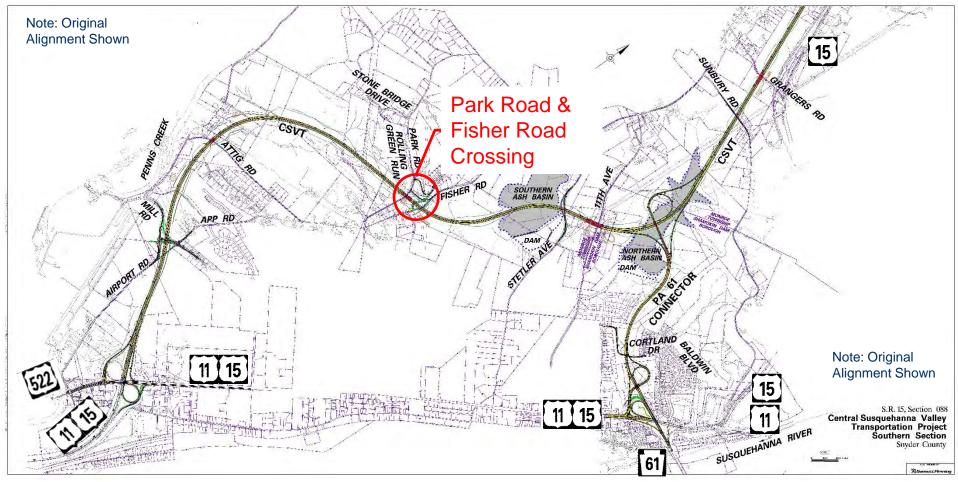








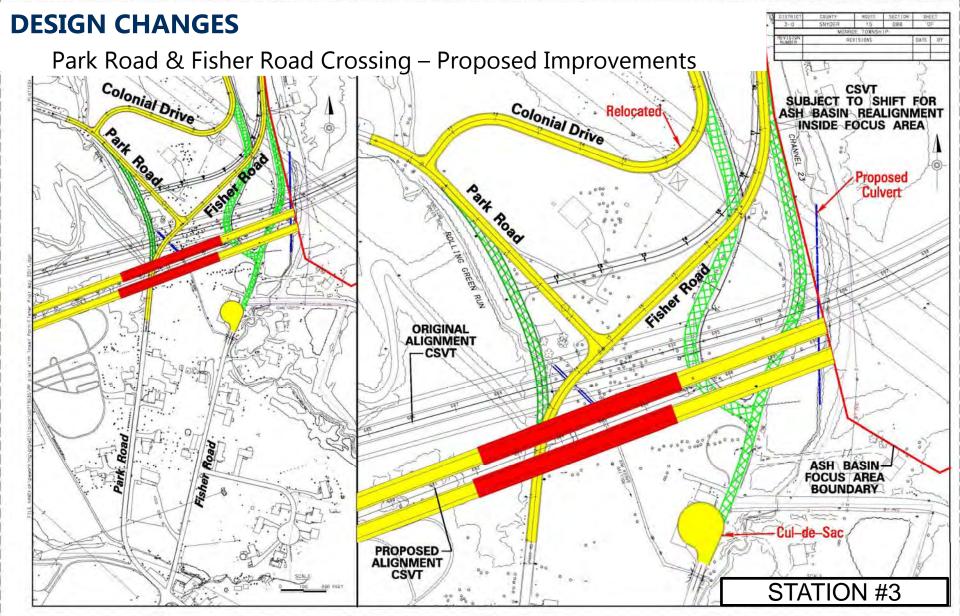




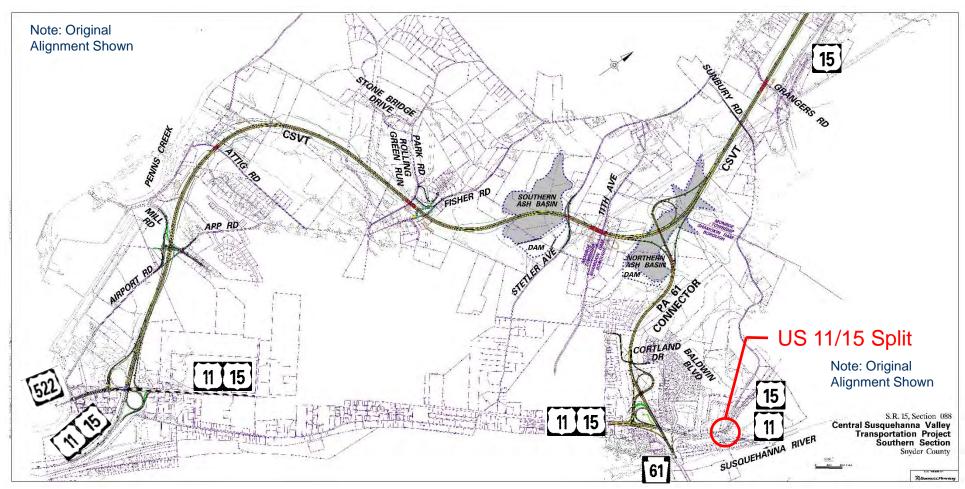








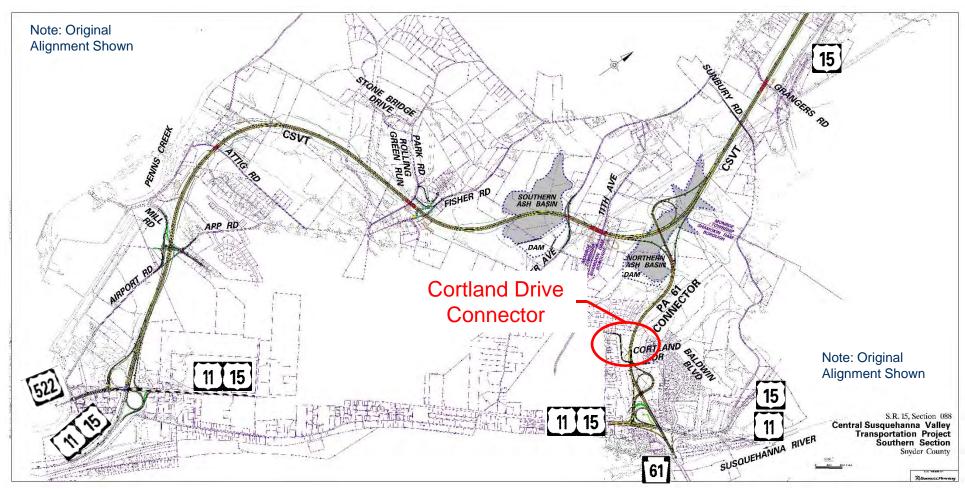










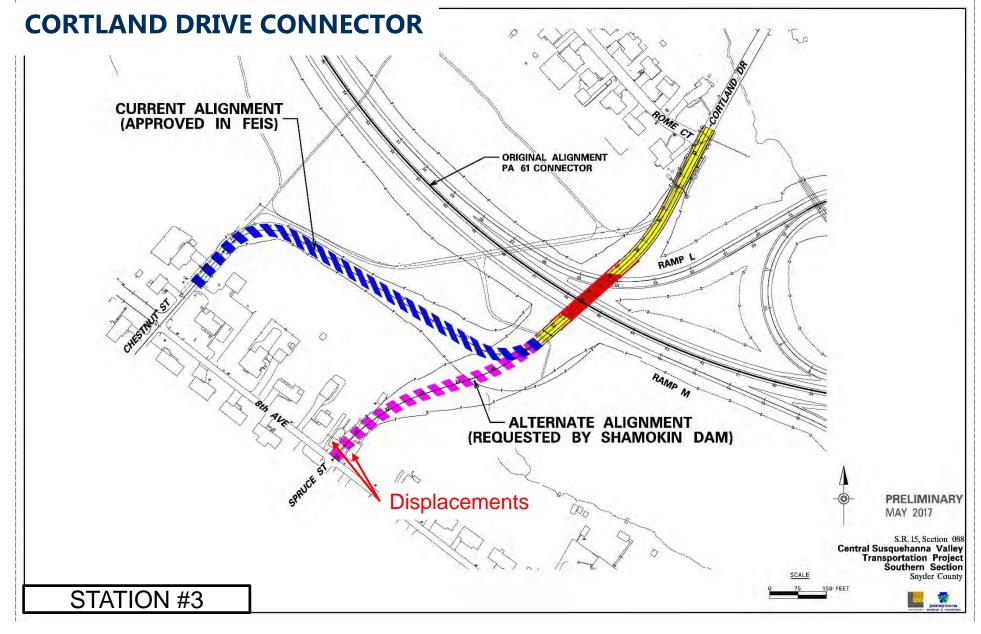








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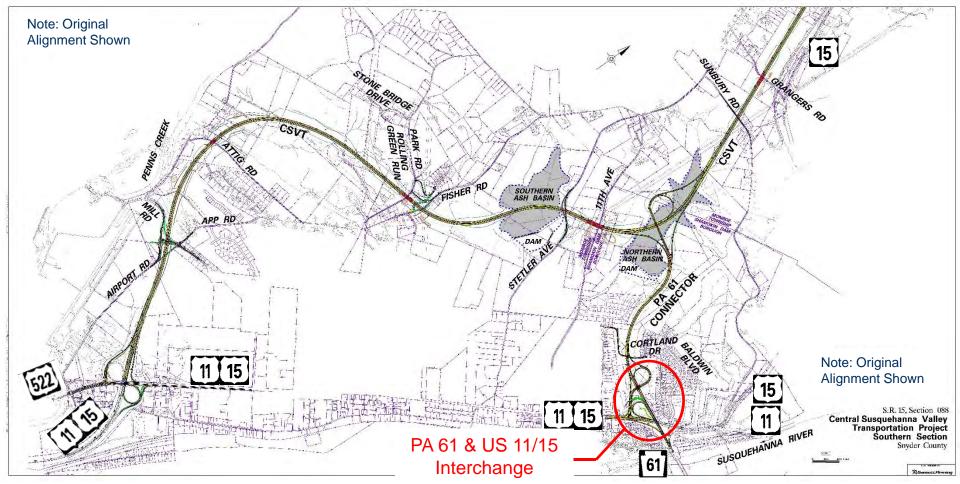
SURVEY RESULTS – Cortland Drive Connector

- > Even support Current Alignment vs. Alternate Alignment
- Questions on need for Cortland Connector
 - Connector purpose:
 - maintains connection of neighborhoods
 - provides alternate access in case of emergency
- Concerns over neighborhood traffic volumes
 - No direct connection between Cortland and PA 61 Connector
 - Only local traffic anticipated
- Carrying both alignments forward for now
- Will make decision and announce at next meeting















NEED FOR PA 61 CONNECTOR

- > PA 61 Connector helps CSVT accomplish its purpose
 - Reduce congestion
 - Improve safety particular attention to trucks and through traffic
 - Ensure sufficient capacity for growth









SUNBURY BUSINESSES

- Weis Markets moved dry goods; expanding dairy
- ➤ Wirerope Works still in operation
- ➤ Bimbo Bakeries (formerly Holsum) did shut down bakery; still has a distribution center operating



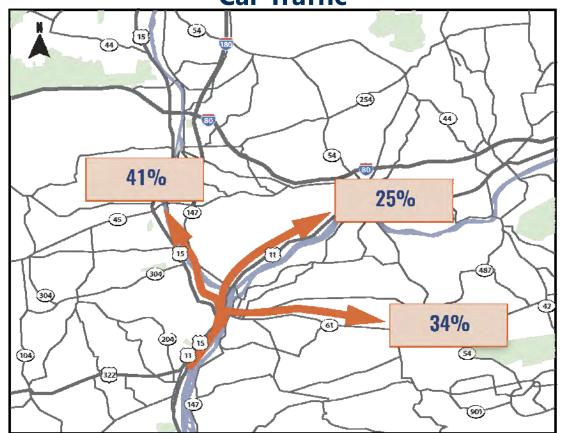






VERIFYING CURRENT TRAFFIC PATTERNS

Car Traffic



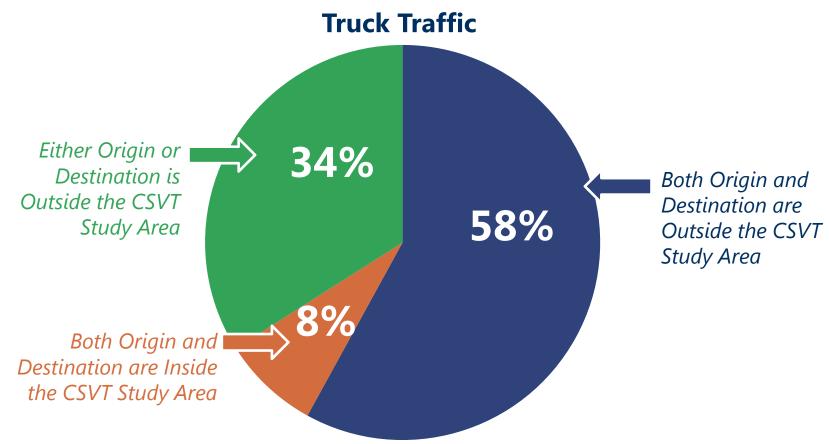
- Project traffic data was verified using 2015-2016 data.
- Current traffic patterns are very similar to previous data.







VERIFYING CURRENT TRAFFIC PATTERNS



CSVT and PA 61 Connector allow for separation of trucks and through traffic from local traffic.







BENEFITS OF PA 61 CONNECTOR

Reduce Congestion / Ensure Sufficient Capacity for Growth

PA 61 Connector will attract 15,000 - 20,000 vehicles per day by 2044 and will have the following effect on area roadways:



Increases use of CSVT (up to 15-20% more traffic)



Reduces traffic on US 11/15 from Shamokin Dam to Selinsgrove (up to 20-25% less traffic)



Reduces traffic on PA 147 through Northumberland Borough (up to 25-30% less traffic)







ADDITIONAL BENEFIT OF PA 61 CONNECTOR

- ➤ Will serve as alternate route during...
 - > Flooding
 - Incidents



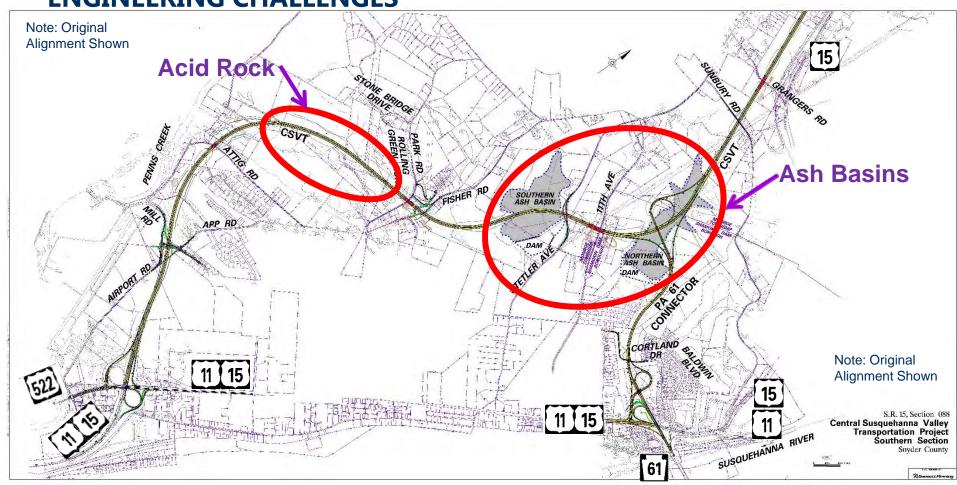








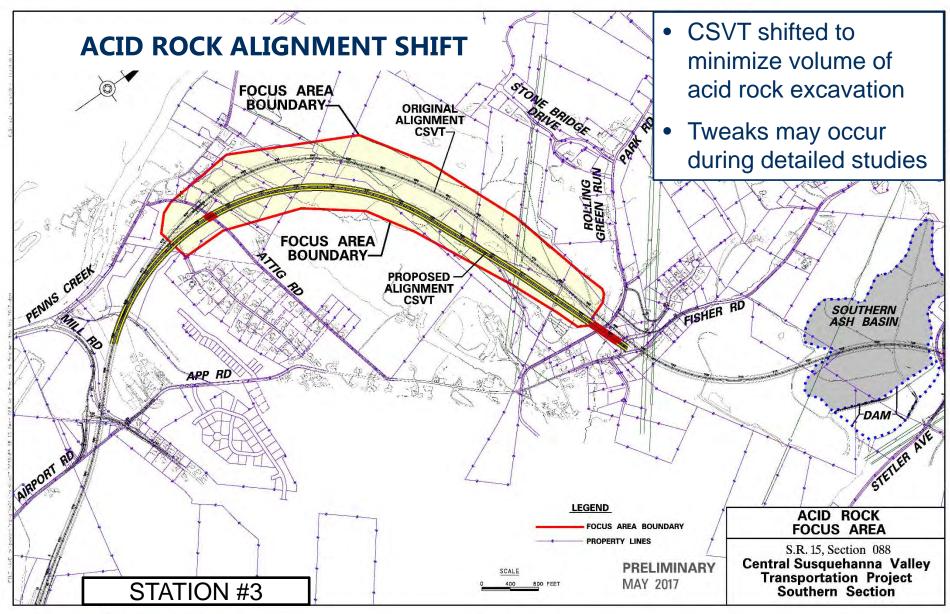
ENGINEERING CHALLENGES













SURVEY RESULTS – Ash Basins

- Move CSVT off fly ash waste basins
- Protect the environment
- Issue should have been identified sooner









TIMELINE – CSVT and ASH BASINS

Late 1990s – CSVT moved on top of ash basins

2008 – Southern Section halted (lack of funding)

2015 – Southern Section restarted; final design began

Spring 2016 – Soil borings performed

Summer 2016 – Geotechnical analysis – stability issue identified

Fall 2016

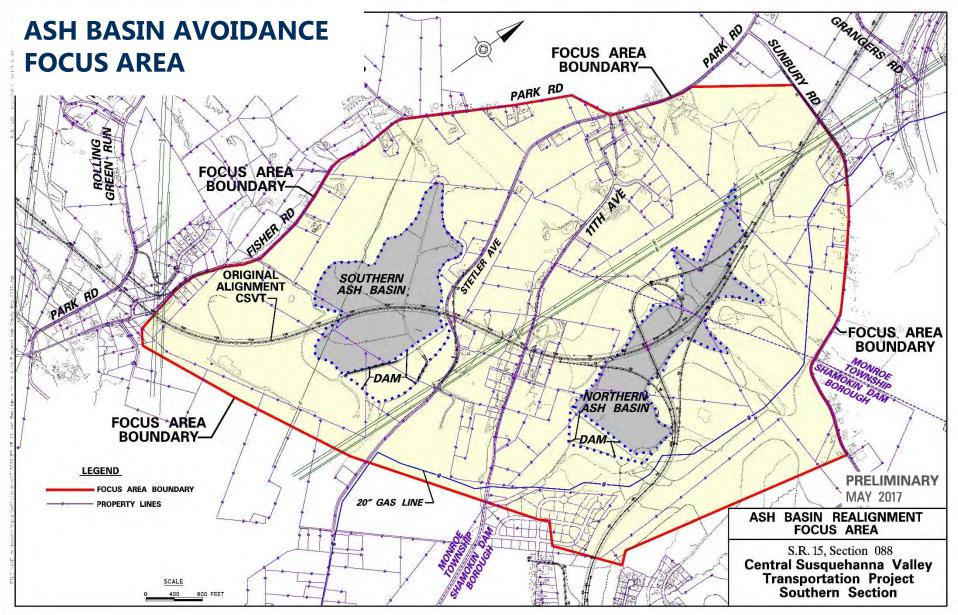
- Coordinated with PADEP and FHWA
- Alternatives studied to keep CSVT on ash basins
- Decision made to move CSVT off ash basins

January 2017 – Press release issued



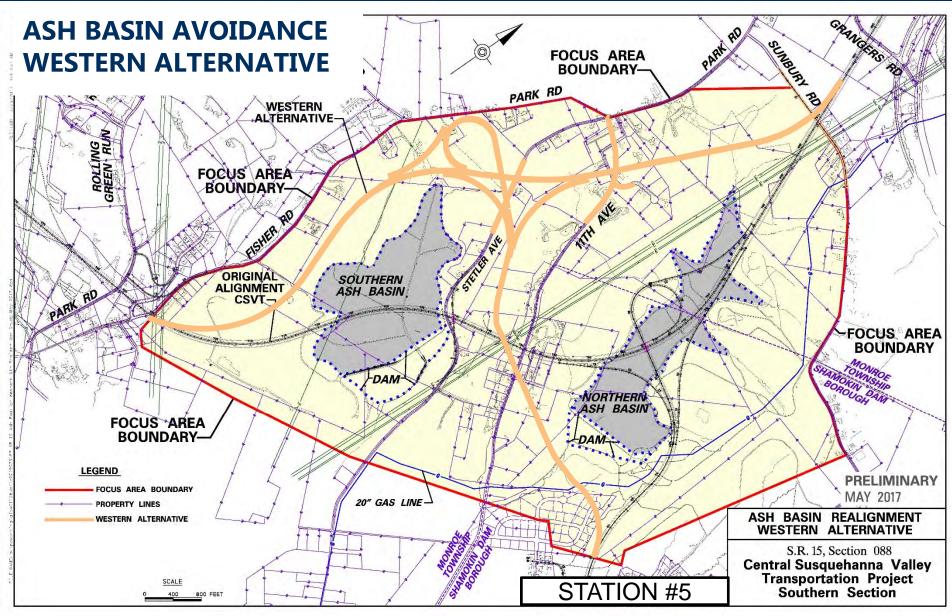




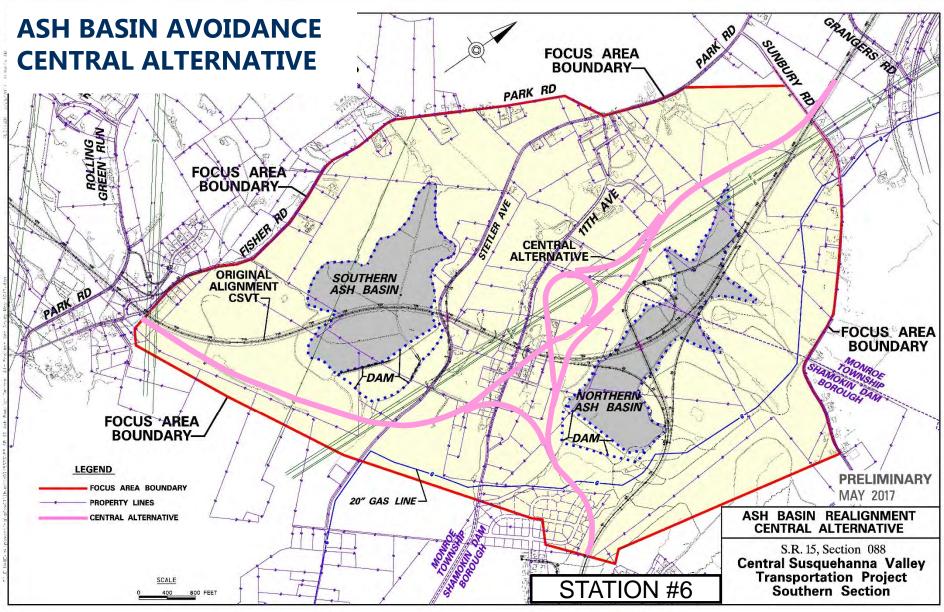




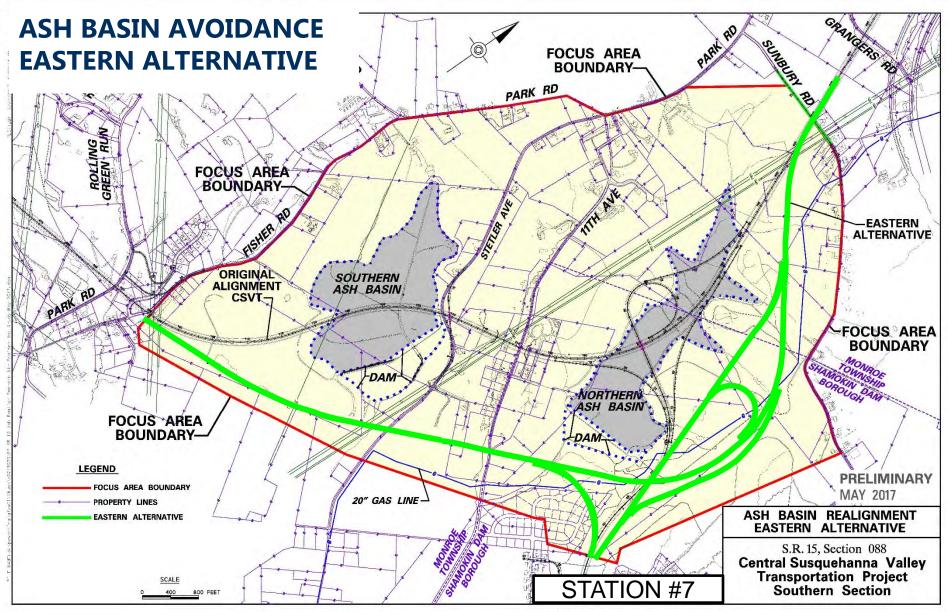
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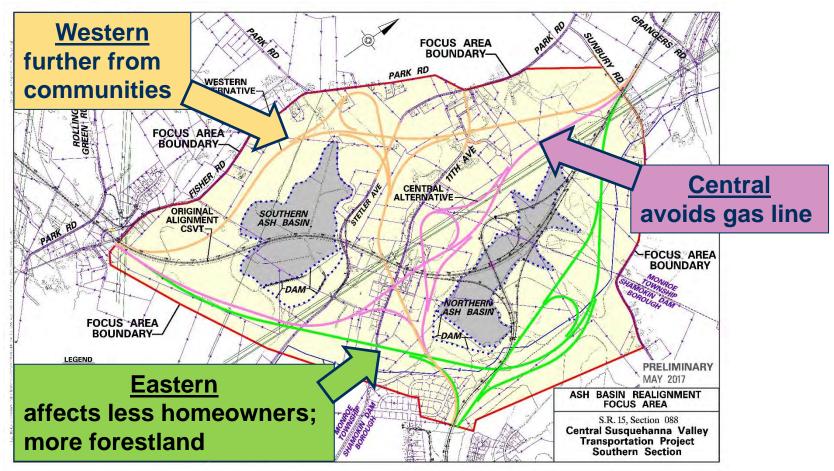








SURVEY RESULTS – Alternative Corridors









ASH BASIN AVOIDANCE ALTERNATIVES

Western Alternative STATION #5

Central Alternative STATION #6

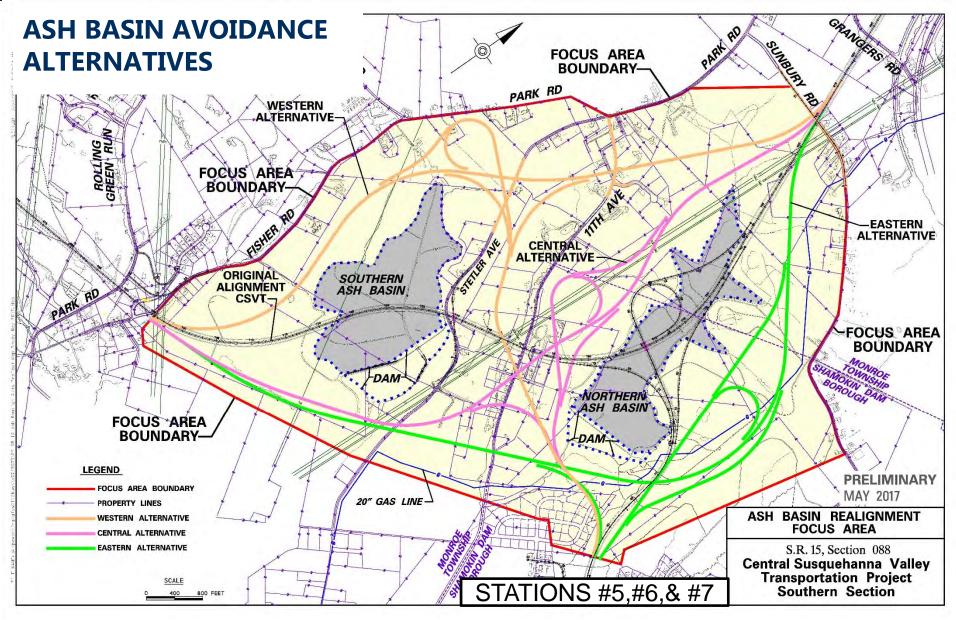
Eastern Alternative STATION #7

Comparison Tables STATION #8











IMPORTANT NOTES CONCERNING ALTERNATIVES

- 1. All three alternatives will reduce congestion, improve safety, and accommodate growth.
- 2. Alternatives presented are preliminary.
 - » Developed to a reasonable level to solicit feedback
- 3. Adjustments to alternatives may occur due to...
 - » Feedback from public, municipalities, agencies
 - » Detailed environmental studies
 - » Detailed engineering studies







- Detailed studies Summer 2017
 - Engineering
 - detailed mapping
 - geotechnical testing and analysis
 - earthwork balance
 - stormwater management











- Detailed studies Summer 2017
 - Environmental
 - streams and wetlands
 - communities
 - farmlands
 - noise
 - cultural resources
 - visual













- Detailed studies Summer 2017
 - Coordinate with:
 - FHWA
 - Environmental agencies
 - Local officials
 - Utilities
 - Impacted land owners
 - Other stakeholders















- ➤ Public Meeting #3 Fall 2017
 - Present results of detailed studies
 - Present preferred alternative
 - Present Cortland Drive Connector alignment
 - Collect feedback







HOW WILL PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE BE CHOSEN?

Review and consider many factors

Community Impacts

Agency Input

Right-of-Way Impacts

Engineering
Analysis

Analysis

Public Feedback

Project Needs

Utility Impacts

- No formula; no computer program
- Choose alternative that is the best overall







- Project Completion
 - environmental clearance
 - final design
 - mitigation
 - right-of-way acquisition
 - utility relocations
 - permitting
 - construction

















- Mitigation
 - > Examples
 - Minor design adjustments
 - Slope changes
 - Noise barriers
 - Access adjustments
 - Landscaping
 - Construction restrictions
 - Environmental mitigation









PROJECT SCHEDULE

- ➤ Goal is that preferred alternative to avoid ash basins will be identified by Fall 2017.
- After working through engineering challenges, proceed in most efficient manner to complete design.









MEETING "TAKE-AWAYS"

- CSVT is moving forward. Its long-term benefits for the region are coming.
- > Currently considering 3 alternatives to avoid ash basins
 - Alternatives will be adjusted as a result of detailed studies, feedback, and impact minimization.
- Anticipate presenting preferred alternative in Fall 2017
- Will be evaluating opportunities for mitigation







YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT!

- Ways to provide feedback tonight:
 - Open house
 - Questionnaire
 - » Fill out in gym
 - » Take home and mail / email
 - » Complete online *csvt.com*













HOW DO I GET INFORMATION?

- Attend Public Meetings
- Visit Project Web Site csvt.com
- Contact PennDOT District 3-0 Matthew Beck, P.E., Assistant Plans Engineer <u>matbeck@pa.gov</u> 570-368-4256

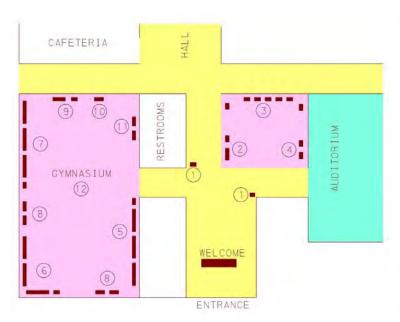








OPEN HOUSE LAYOUT



STATION (1)- INFORMATION & DISPLAY LAYOUT

DISPLAY LAYOUT

STATION (2)- CSVT NORTHERN SECTION

CSVT NORTHERN SECTION PLAN WITH CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS CSVT NORTHERN SECTION STATUS AND SCHEDULE

STATION (3)- DESIGN CHANGES

US 522 AND AIRPORT ROAD INTERSECTION
MILL/APP/AIRPORT ROADS ROUNDABOUTS

BENEFITS OF ROUNDABOUTS

ACID ROCK FOCUS AREA

PARK ROAD AND FISHER ROAD CROSSING

CORTLAND DRIVE CONNECTOR - WESTERN & CENTRAL ALTERNATIVES
CORTLAND DRIVE CONNECTOR - EASTERN ALTERNATIVE

STATION (4)- PA 61 CONNECTOR

CURRENT TRAVEL PATTERNS

BENEFITS OF PA 61 CONNECTOR

STATION (5) - WESTERN ALTERNATIVE

ASH BASIN FOCUS AREA

WESTERN ALTERNATIVE

STATION 6 - CENTRAL ALTERNATIVE

ASH BASIN FOCUS AREA CENTRAL ALTERNATIVE STATION (7) - EASTERN ALTERNATIVE

ASH BASIN FOCUS AREA EASTERN ALTERNATIVE

STATION 8 - ALTERNATIVES COMPARISON

ENGINEERING CHARACTERISTICS COMPARISON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS COMPARISON

STATION (9)- ENVIRONMENTAL TOPICS

ASH BASIN FOCUS AREA ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES NOISE ABATEMENT PROCESS

STATION 10 - RIGHT-OF-WAY

CSVT RIGHT-OF-WAY

STATION 11 - ANTICIPATED NEXT STEPS

ANTICIPATED NEXT STEPS

ANTICIPATED NEXT STEPS - CONTINUED

STATION (12) - QUESTIONNAIRE



THANK YOU!!

We Really Appreciate Your Time and Input!!





